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SUMMARY: ARTICLES IN CURRENT ISSUES OF "SSHA" AND
"NASH SOVREMENIK" GIVE SOME IDEA OF RANGE OF THEMES
IN CURRENT SOVIET ANTI-ZIONIST PROPAGANDA. SSHA
ARTICLE DEVELOPS IDEA OF PRESUMED CLASS BASIS OF
ZIONISM AND PROVIDES ITS READERS AT LEAST A FEW
NUANCES ON U.S.-ISRAELI POLICY DIFFERENCES AND ON
DEBATE WITHIN U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITY ABOUT MIDDLE
EAST POLICY. BOOK REVIEW IN NASH SOVREMENIK BY A
NOTORIOUS ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDIST IS HEAVY ON
"FIFTH COLUMN" AND WORLD DOMINATION THEMES. END
SUMMARY.

1. RECENT ANTI-ZIONIST ARTICLES IN TWO SOVIET
JOURNALS (SSHA, NUMBER 8, AND NASH SOVREMENIK,
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NUMBER 8) SHED FURTHER LIGHT ON REFAIR'S REPORT
ON THE THEMES OF SOVIET ANTI-ZIONIST PROPAGANDA
DIRECTED TOWARD MORE SOPHISTICATED DOMESTIC
AUDIENCES. THE PIECE IN SSHA, THE JOURNAL OF
ARBATOV'S USA INSTITUTE, CONTRASTS SOMEWHAT THE
MORE CRUDE AND BLATANTLY ANTI-SEMITIC DIATRIBES
WE HAVE SEEN IN SUCH SOVIET PUBLICATIONS AS RED

STAR (REF A). THE OTHER PIECE JUST ABOUT MATCHES
ANYTHING WE HAVE SEEN FOR PARANOID VULGARITY.

2. PRINCIPAL THEMES OF S. M. ROGOV'S ARTICLE "THE
AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY AND ISRAEL", IN CURRENT
ISSUE OF SSHA, ARE:

--INFLUENCE OF AMERICAN ZIONISTS HAS INCREASED AS
POSITION OF JEWISH BOURGEOISIE HAS SIGNIFICANTLY
STRENGTHENED DURING PAST TEN YEARS ON WALL STREET
AND IN INDUSTRIES SUCH AS ELECTRONICS AND AERO-SPACE
(TWENTY PERCENT OF AMERICAN MILLIONAIRES SUPPOSEDLY
ARE JEWISH CAPITALISTS);

--LEADERS OF JEWISH COMMUNITY PROMOTE NATIONALISM
AS WAY OF DIVIDING JEWISH WORKERS FROM PROGRESSIVE
FORCES;

--ZIONIST LOBBYISTS HEADED OPPONENTS OF DETENTE
WITHIN MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX WHO SUPPORTED
JACKSON AMENDMENT;

--AFTER 1973 WAR AND U.S. PROBLEMS WITH OIL-
PRODUCING ARAB COUNTRIES, U.S. CHANGED ITS MIDDLE
EAST POLICY SOMEWHAT, STRENGTHENING ITS TIES WITH
REACTIONARY ARAB REGIMES, ESPECIALLY SAUDI ARABIA
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AND EGYPT. U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITY FACED NECESSITY
OF CHOOSING BETWEEN SUPPORT FOR WASHINGTON'S
POLICY OR THAT OF TEL AVIV, SINCE LATTER, OPERATING
THROUGHOUT U.S. ZIONIST LOBBY AGENTS, OPPOSED NEW
U.S. POLICY, PARTICULARLY ARMS TRANSFERS TO SAUDI
ARABIA AND EGYPT;

--AMONG GROUPS FULLY SUPPORTING ISRAEL ARE THOSE
INVOLVED WITH AMERICAN JEWISH JOURNAL "COMMENTARY".
ONCE LIBERAL, THEY ARE NOW ALIGNED WITH REACTIONARY,
ANTI-SOVIET FORCES SUCH AS THE COMMITTEE ON THE
PRESENT DANGER. THEY SUPPORT THE U.S. "HUMAN RIGHTS"
CAMPAIGN, HARSHLY CRITICIZE IN COMMENTARY ANY SIGNS
OF REALISM IN U.S. POLICY, AND ADOPT REACTIONARY,
EVEN RACIST POSITIONS ON DOMESTIC ISSUES;

--A GROUP COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
JEWISH LIBERAL INTELLIGENTSIA --BREIRA--HAS
OPPOSED SOME POSITIONS OF THE ZIONIST LOBBY.
ALTHOUGH ITS INFLUENCE HAS GROWN ALONG WITH THE
CRITICAL MOOD IN THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY,

BOURGEOIS CRITICS OF ZIONISM GENERALLY HAVE LITTLE INFLUENCE. ZIONIST PROPAGANDA HAS SUCCESSFULLY ISOLATED SUCH CRITICS, LABELLING THEM "JEWISH ANTI-SEMITICS".

3. REVIEWING V. BEGUN'S BOOK, "INVASION WITHOUT WEAPONS", IN THE CURRENT ISSUE OF "NASH SOVREMENIK", V. YEMELYANOV USES THE OCCASION TO FLOG WHAT APPEAR TO BE SOME OF HIS OWN PET ANTI-ZIONIST THEMES (REF B DISCUSSES REFUSENIKS' APPRECIATION OF THIS NOTORIOUSLY ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDIST):

--FAVORITE THEME OF ZIONIST PROPAGANDA IS TO ATTEMPT FALSELY TO IDENTIFY THE COMMUNIST STRUGGLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGAINST ZIONISM WITH A STRUGGLE AGAINST THE STATE OF ISRAEL;

--ZIONISM ENCOURAGES ITS ADHERENTS NOT TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL, BUT INSTEAD TO OBTAIN POSITIONS OF WEALTH AND INFLUENCE IN OTHER COUNTRIES;

--ITS CHIEF STRATEGIC GOAL IS DESTRUCTION OF THE
SOCIALIST SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHMENT OF WORLD DOMINA-
TION;

--SINCE WORLD WAR II, ZIONISM HAS PLANTED ITS AGENTS
IN SOCIALIST STATES, PRETENDING TO BE COMMUNISTS,
GAINING TRUST OF PARTY AND STATE APPARATUS AND
AWAITING "DAY X";

--ANTI-SEMITISM IS THE LIFE'S BREATH OF ZIONISM;
THEREFORE, THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM IS A
STRUGGLE AGAINST ZIONISM, WHICH ITSELF IS
OBJECTIVELY ANTI-SEMITIC AND THE ENEMY OF JEWISH
WORKERS.

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4. COMMENT: AS BEFITS ITS AUTHOR'S UNSAVORY REPUTATION,
YEMELYANOV'S REVIEW ARTICLE APPEALS FAIRLY BLATANTLY
TO PARANOID ATTITUDES WHICH TEND TO FEED VIRULENT
ANTI-SEMITISM. IT IS INTERESTING, HOWEVER, THAT
IT PICKS UP ON THE "ZIONISM IS ANTI-SEMITIC" THEME
WE RECENTLY HEARD FROM A ZNANIYE SOCIETY LECTURER

(REFAIR). IT SEEMS TO US THAT IMPLICIT IN THIS THEME
IS AN ATTEMPT TO DEFEND AGAINST THE ACCUSATION OF
ANTI-SEMITISM BY ARGUING THAT IN FIGHTING ZIONISM
THE SOVIET UNION IS ACTUALLY FIGHTING ANTI-SEMITISM.

5. RAGOV'S ARTICLE DEVELOPS IN MORE DETAIL THE
CLASS BASIS ARGUMENT ON ZIONISM TOUCHED UPON IN THE
ZNANIYE SOCIETY LECTURE TO WHICH WE REFERRED ABOVE--
I.E., THAT ZIONISM IS A TOOL OF THE BOURGEOISIE TO
DIVIDE JEWISH WORKERS FROM THE REST OF THE WORKING
CLASS. IT ALSO GIVES ITS PRESUMABLY MORE SOPHISTICATED
READERS A FEW NUANCES NOT CHARACTERISTIC IN TREATMENTS
OF ZIONISM INTENDED FOR MASS AUDIENCES. THE ARTICLE
SPELLS OUT, FOR EXAMPLE, SOME DIFFERENCES IN U.S.
AND ISRAELI FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS AND AT LEAST
SUGGESTS THE DILEMMA WHICH THE AMERICAN JEWISH
COMMUNITY FACES IN ATTEMPTING TO RECONCILE THOSE
DIFFERENCES. TOON

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